

CHAPTER NO. 787

HOUSE BILL NO. 3032

By Representatives Walley, Kent, Ralph Cole, Todd

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3104

By Senators Atchley, Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-210, relative to the inspection of health care facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-210(a)(1) is amended by deleting the language "at least once each year" and by substituting instead the words and symbols "within fifteen (15) months following date of last inspection" between the words "inspected" and "by".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-210(b)(5)(A) is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and instead substituting the following words and punctuation:

(b)(5)(A) All health care facilities licensed by the department which have obtained accreditation from a federally recognized accrediting health care organization shall be deemed to meet all applicable licensing requirements. Such facilities may be subject to an inspection by the department and shall continue to be subject to 68-11-210(b)(3)(D),(E), but may be exempt from 68-11-210(a)(1) so long as the facility remains accredited.


SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 11, 2000


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR